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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECY FROM WARREN CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MONDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. TURKEY. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN TODAY THAT CY WILL VISIT ANKARA AFTER HE LEAVES JERUSALEM. THE TURKS WILL ANNOUNCE THE VISIT EARLY TOMORROW AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME ECEVIT'S NEW GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT.

WE HAVE INFORMED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THAT THE TURKISH INVITATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. CY IS NOT SOLICITING AN INVITATION, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO STOP IN ATHENS ALSO. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS WANTS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH CARAMANLIS AND WE SHOULD HEAR EARLY TOMORROW MORNING FROM ATHENS.

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2. PANAMA CANAL. WHILE THE SUPREME COURT TODAY DECLINED TO ACCEPT "ORIGINAL" JURISDICTION OF A SUIT FILED LAST NOVEMBER CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE PROPERTY

TRANSFERS MADE BY THE TREATY, THE SAME ISSUE WILL BE HEARD BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT

ON JANUARY 27 IN A CASE BROUGHT BY 51 CONGRESSMEN. SO
THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE IS STILL ALIVE.

3. NICARAGUA. THE LEADER OF THE CONFESSED ASSASSINS
OF NICARAGUAN PUBLISHER CHAMORRO HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED
A CUBAN-AMERICAN, DR. PEDRO RAMOS, OF HAVING PAID HIM
TO CARRY OUT THE CRIME. RAMOS, WHO HAS DENIED THE
ACCUSATION, WAS PRESIDENT OF A BLOOD PLASMA EXPORTING
FIRM WHICH CHAMORRO REPEATEDLY ATTACKED IN HIS NEWSPAPER
AND IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SOMOZA FAMILY WERE RUMORED
TO HAVE AN INTEREST. THE CUBAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF
THE RAMOS PLASMA FIRM WHO TOOK REFUGE IN OUR EMBASSY
AT MANAGUA FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION LEFT THE COUNTRY
WITH NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT PERMISSION ON SUNDAY.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AT PRESENT OF SOMOZA'S
INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION, AND HE IS GOING TO
GREAT LENGTHS TO CONVINCE THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE HIS
HANDS ARE CLEAN. MANAGUA IS TENSE BUT CALM.

4. THE HORN. CY HAS INSTRUCTED A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP
TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF ACTIONS WHICH WE MIGHT
TAKE TO PUSH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THE OGADEN.
WE WILL SPEAK WITH OUR ARAB FRIENDS ABOUT HOW TO OBTAIN
SOMALI AGREEMENT TO A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE AND A SETTLE-
MENT. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL SEEK THE COOPERATION
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OF INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA TO INFLUENCE ETHIOPIA. NIGERIA
WILL BE APPROACHED TO CHECK THE STATUS OF OAU MEDIATION
EFFORTS, EVEN THOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY THE AFRICANS ARE
PREPARED TO DO MUCH AT THIS STAGE. WE ALSO PLAN TO
CONSULT WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.

THE ETHIOPIANS ARE GIVING LITTLE INDICATION THAT
THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE CALLED IN THE
ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TODAY TO TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION
WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S HARSH CRITICISM OF YOUR PRESS
CONFERENCE REMARKS ABOUT THE HORN LAST THURSDAY. IN
RESPONSE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AS LONG AS THE
UNITED STATES DID NOT BRAND THE SOMALIS AS AGGRESSORS
AND WOULD NOT CALL FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM ETHIOPIAN
TERRITORY, THE U.S. WOULD APPEAR TO BE SIDING WITH
SOMALI AGGRESSION. HE SAID THAT ETHIOPIA HAS NO
TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS, BUT CANNOT NEGOTIATE WHILE
SOMALI FORCES ARE IN ETHIOPIA. CHRISTOPHER

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